

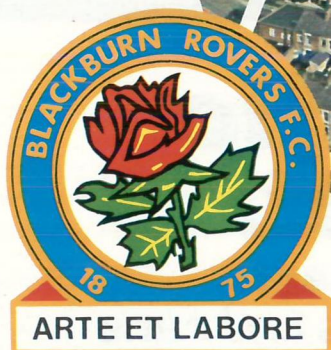
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WARNING TO FANS

FOLLOWING our match against Luton Town, which was viewed on T.V. by millions, the referee has reported the misconduct of spectators to the Football Association. The misconduct concerned is the invasion of the pitch by boys at moments of high excitement.

The Football Association has warned the club this must cease immediately, pointing out, quite fairly, that it is a very poor advertisement for a senior League club.

It must be made absolutely clear to all concerned that the club is held responsible for the behaviour of its supporters on the ground. The erection of fencing and strengthening the wall has been discussed in great detail by the directors. Since the cost of the cheapest possible scheme is well in excess of £20,000, there can be no solution along these lines until the club is financially more solvent.

Apart from the displeasure of the Football Association at misconduct of this kind, there is also the possibility that the club, through the actions of its youngest supporters, might breach the provisions of the Safety of Sports Grounds Act, which carry severe penalties.

I must therefore appeal to all parents of young Rovers supporters to tell their children in no uncertain terms that the practice of climbing the boundary wall and running on the pitch, however joyous the occasion, must cease immediately and finally.

THE DIRECTORS HAVE DECIDED, SO SERIOUS IS THE POTENTIAL LIABILITY OF THE CLUB, THAT THE NEXT INCIDENT OF THIS KIND WILL RESULT IN THE HALF-PRICE TURNSTILES BEING CLOSED. THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE, AND I THEREFORE SEEK THE CO-OPERATION OF ALL PARENTS, AS WELL AS THE CHILDREN, TO ENSURE THAT THE MAJORITY DOES NOT SUFFER FOR THE HEEDLESS ACTIONS OF THE MINORITY.

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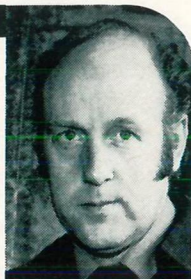
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A TEAM REFLECTS A STYLE- AND THIS IS MY PHILOSOPHY WHEN IT COMES TO FOOTBALL

says manager JIM ILEY



FROM Barnsley to Blackburn is a relatively short trip across the Pennines — but for me, it means a step up, with the chance to manage even better players than I have left at Oakwell. I have moved from a club which has been on the fringe of the Fourth Division promotion race to one which has gone close to achieving its ambition of a return to Division 1.

As a Yorkshireman, I consider I'm as down-to-earth as the next man, and when I think of the managers who have been successful, I feel that, in the main, they are the ones who started on the bottom rung and learned their trade from there. That, I like to think, is what I have been doing.

For me, having built a solid foundation for Barnsley, my move to Blackburn is a continuation of the trend in an upwards direction — and I sincerely hope I can prove a success by ensuring that the Rovers' supporters can carry on watching a team which is not only entertaining, but gets results.

My philosophy about football is clear-cut: I am a firm believer that a team reflects a manager's style, and as a player myself, I was what you would call the old-fashioned wing-half who liked to play creative, attacking football. As a manager, I want my players to enjoy their football, since I feel that this is what contributes towards the enjoyment of the game for spectators.

I'm not an advocate of what you might call kick-and-rush football, where the aim is to get into your opponent's penalty box at express speed; I prefer to see a side build up with thoughtful moves, and use wingers to supply crosses into the box.

I had seen the Rovers live and on television several times, before I took charge as the manager, and when I watched the team in action at Mansfield, I felt there was sufficient evidence that they play my kind of football. That is all to the good, because we start off on the same wavelength.

In the short time that I have been at Ewood, I have had first impressions confirmed — that there is a great deal of potential in the side, that the club has ambition, and that we can be optimistic about building on the strong foundations which have already been laid.

My immediate priority is to get to know the playing staff inside-out, and to make sure that when the new season begins, we all know where we are going, with the players buzzing with enthusiasm after their summer break. I recognise, also, that the supporters have had their appetites whetted by the standards the Rovers have set this season.

My hope is that we can continue to improve, and while I make no rash promises, you have my pledge that I shall do my utmost to take the Rovers back where they belong — the First Division — in the quickest possible time. Believe me, I am convinced that together we can make it to the top.



Welcome to

BOLTON SEEK THE POINT THAT WILL CLINCH PROMOTION PLACE

BOLTON WANDERERS sat proudly on top of the Second Division table after they had played only three matches . . . and they have never been out of the top three since. Saturday's slip at Cardiff means they come to Ewood needing 1 pt. to clinch promotion but knowing that any reward against the Rovers will have to be earned!!

Bolton began the season knowing they were rated as favourites to go up, after their near-misses during the two previous terms. And they have stayed in contention as the final hurdles have come into sight. They kicked off with a 1—0 win at Burnley, and that set the pattern.

A home win over Sheffield United, a draw at Hull, victory over Oldham, then at Sunderland . . . these results brought Bolton 11 points out of 12, and their first defeat came at Crystal Palace. Even then, they went down only by the odd goal.

They dropped a home point to Stoke, but won at Brighton, beat Mansfield and drew at Southampton; they conquered Luton, drew at Orient, beat Charlton and won at Bristol Rovers, then beat Totten-

BOLTON WANDERERS

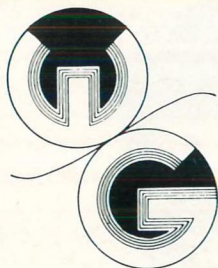
★ BOLTON WANDERERS were founded as Christ Church F.C. in 1874, and three years later changed their name to the present one, becoming a professional club in 1880. They were original members of the Football League and, after having been relegated to the Second Division several times in their early days, they enjoyed an unbroken spell in the First Division from 1911 to 1933.

★ FROM 1935 to 1964, the Wanderers remained in the First Division, then in season 1970-71 they dropped into the Third for the first time in their history. This spell lasted for only two years and in 1972-73 season they took the Third Division title, four points clear of Notts. County.

ham before suffering their second reverse — at Fulham. By then, they had taken 28 points from 18 games, and were still at the top of the Second Division.

They resumed winning ways with a 6—3 thrashing of Cardiff, lost the return game at Charlton but beat Notts. County and won at Blackpool, to come to the turn of the year still leading the field, despite a 1—0 defeat at Millwall.

There was a shock start to the New Year, with a 2—1 home defeat by Burnley, but Bolton made amends by going to Bramall-lane and beating Sheffield United 5—1, then completing a double over Hull and gaining a point at Oldham. Fifteen games to go, and Bolton had 39 points, to be level with Spurs at the top.



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WHO THEY ARE . . .
WHAT THEY'VE DONE . . .
WHAT THEY'VE WON . . .

★ THE WANDERERS won the F.A. Cup in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958, but they have still to win the First Division championship, although they have finished third three times — in 1892, 1921 and 1925. They were also losing finalists in the F.A. Cup in 1894, 1904 and 1953.

★ BOLTON, of course, have suffered the disappointment in the previous two seasons of finishing fourth in the promotion race, each time after having looked likely to go up. Two years ago, West Brom clinched third place, with a victory at Oldham in their final match of the season; and last term, it was Nottingham Forest who surged through with an end-of-season run which took them into third position and denied Bolton promotion. This time out, Bolton have been pacesetters all the way, and at last they look set to regain First Division status.

They drew at Stoke and at home against Brighton, but the "wobble" of previous seasons was not really in evidence, and although they dropped a home point against Southampton, they picked up two points at Mansfield, completed a double over Blackpool, drew 1—1 at Notts. County and beat Orient 2—0 at Burnden Park.

Six matches to go, and Bolton, like Spurs, had 51 points . . . with manager Ian Greaves reckoning that 56 points could clinch a move up to the top flight. Bolton fell behind Spurs when — in front of a 50,000 crowd — they lost 1—0 at White Hart-lane, but they bounced back to beat Bristol Rovers and Crystal Palace. However, that slip at Cardiff leaves them still seeking the one elusive point.

Meet the Manager



**NOW IAN
IS SET TO
MAKE IT
THIRD TIME
LUCKY...**

PROMOTION for Bolton will mean that it's been a case of third-time lucky . . . and the same applies to their manager, Ian Greaves. And success for him would be welcomed throughout football, because he is one of the most popular managers in the game.

At one time, Ian wore the famous red jersey of Manchester United, and he knows how tough the competition can be in Soccer, because he was at Old Trafford during the era of the Busby Babes,

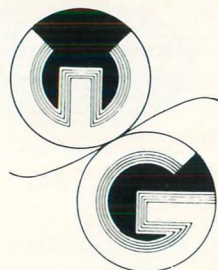
Ian's managerial career got off the ground with Huddersfield Town, and he took the Yorkshire club from the Second Division to the First, despite not having a fortune to spend on players. Town won a lot of friends, too, during their short stay in the top flight, but when they descended back to the Second Division, it was the start of a downhill slide, for they slipped through to the Third and then the Fourth.

After Ian and Huddersfield had parted company, he renewed his links with a Lancashire club by moving in as right-hand man to Jimmy Armfield at Burnden Park, and when the former Blackpool star was appointed manager of Leeds, Bolton looked no further than Ian Greaves for his successor. Twice during the past two seasons Ian and Bolton have been pipped at the post — but this time, they hope to be going up together.

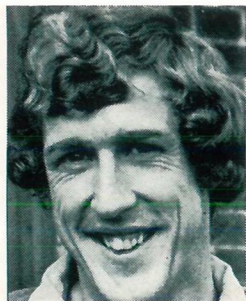
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STAR SIGNINGS FROM OTHER CLUBS



★ **BOLTON** have recruited several players who have packed a great deal of First Division experience into their careers, and spent around £300,000 on big-name signings. Pictured left to right are Alan Gowling, who arrived from Newcastle, Frank Worthington (Leicester); Ray Train (Sunderland); Tony Dunne (Manchester United); and Peter Thompson (Liverpool).

SKILL AND EXPERIENCE RUN RIGHT THROUGH THE WANDERERS' TEAM

EXPERIENCE and skill run right through Bolton's team, from goal to No. 11. In **Jim McDonagh**, signed at the start of last season, Bolton have a last line of defence who has become rated as one of the top 'keepers in Division 2. He joined Wanderers on loan for a month from Rotherham, impressed sufficiently to be signed for a modest £10,000 as cover for Barry Siddall, and took over when Siddall joined Sunderland.

McDonagh's fine form has meant that **Terry Poole** — a £25,000 signing from Huddersfield last season — has had to wait for his first-team chance, but it also means Bolton are well covered in a vital position.

The same applies with the back-four line, for Bolton have the vastly experienced **Tony Dunne**, **John Ritson**, **Mike Walsh**, **Peter Nicholson**, **Paul Jones** and **Sam Allardyce** available. They have needed this strength in depth, since they have had players out through injury, and while originally Jones and Allardyce formed the central defensive pairing, in recent weeks Jones has played at right back . . . and scored some important goals.

Jones, commanding in the air, has been a member of the England Under-23 and full international squads; Allardyce, who joined Bolton from school and has been a regular since he gained a place in 1975, has also proved a dominating defender. Ritson is one of the players who has been plagued by injury, Nicholson has shown he can operate in midfield, as well as defence, and Walsh has also proved to be a versatile player. Ritson and Walsh have both been at Burnden Park since they left school.

Midfield is another department where Bolton have demonstrated that they have strength in depth, especially since they recruited **Ray Train** from Roker Park. Train hasn't had the best of luck with injuries, but he is clearly a key man in their plans for the future, and so is **Peter Reid**, who was scooped up in Bolton's scouting net from that hot-bed of Soccer, Merseyside. Bolton spotted him as a schoolboy player, and wasted no time in landing him.

Roy Greaves was born at Farnworth, and this non-stop worker has proved a tremendous asset during his long service with the club. He recently was rewarded with a testimonial match.

Brian Smith, who hails from Walkden, is another midfield player, though his chances have been limited, and the same

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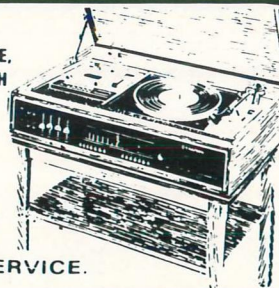
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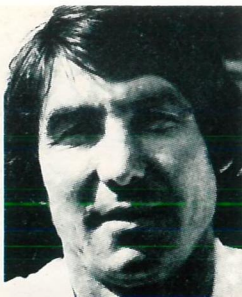
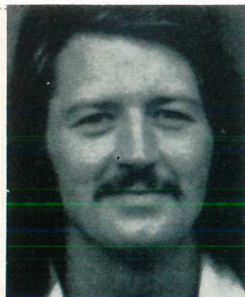
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applies to striker **Garry Jones**, yet again a player Bolton have groomed through the ranks.

The big names from other clubs figure largely in attack — former Burnley and Manchester United man **Willie Morgan**, who can operate as an out-and-out winger or in a midfield role; **Alan Gowling**, who skippered the England Under-23 team from midfield, but who struck 31 goals in a season while with Newcastle; and **Frank Worthington** and **Peter Thompson**.

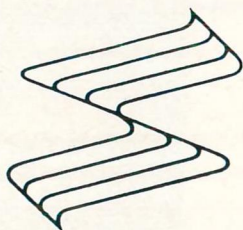
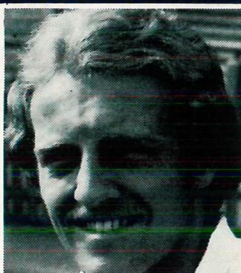
Worthington, an England international, became Bolton's record-priced signing at £90,000, when he moved from Leicester last October. Gowling smashed that record when he was signed for £120,000. Thompson, the former Liverpool and England player, has won most of the game's top honours, and he is a firm favourite with Bolton fans.

Neil Whatmore is the home-grown name among the forwards, but he has emerged as a marksman whom defenders must respect. He is a strong attacker, and his flair for finding the net was illustrated when, last season, he scored 31 goals to top the Second Division chart of League and Cup marksmen.

Bolton's first-team squad is completed by striker **Chris Thompson**, who has tasted League football and been chosen for the England youth side on a number of occasions. Signed first on associated-schoolboy forms, he became an apprentice and turned full-time professional last July, and this speedy, skilful attacker is another of the home-produced players Wanderers hope will hit the top.

HOME-GROWN PLAYERS WHO MADE THE GRADE

★ **THREE** of Bolton's home - produced players . . . **Neil Whatmore** (top), **Roy Greaves** (centre) and **Peter Reid**. Whatmore has been among the Second Division's leading marksmen during Bolton's drive for the First Division. Greaves has played a key role as a midfield schemer — a n d scored some goals. Reid, a left-sided midfielder player who has also shown that he can find the net, recently achieved representative recognition when he was drafted into the England Under-21 team which drew in Italy and qualified for the semi-finals of the European championships.



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Second Division

JIM ILEY HAS PLAYED JUST ABOUT EVERY ROLE IN FOOTBALL...

ONLY a matter of weeks ago, Jim Iley was striving to steer Barnsley out of the Fourth Division; now he takes over the Rovers, a Second Division club which has gone so close to climbing back to the First. And the Rovers' new manager has played just about every role in his career, so he knows all about the swings and roundabouts of Soccer.

For a long time, his name was synonymous with that of Sheffield United, where he was a cultured wing-half. His cool and skilful play earned him not only a great deal of praise, but attracted the attention of other clubs . . . and his career took a new and even more distinguished turn.

Tottenham Hotspur, Nottingham Forest and Newcastle United all benefited from Jim Iley's style of play, and indeed he helped to make teams tick from the middle of the field. And when he finally moved on again, it was to take his first step in another direction — this time as a player-manager, with Peterborough United.

Eventually, he moved back to his native Yorkshire — not to Sheffield United, but to the nearby Barnsley club at Oakwell.

Now Jim Iley himself has gained promotion, and the Rovers — not for the first time — have plucked a manager from the lower divisions and given him the chance to improve on initial success. We are sure every Rovers fan will wish our new manager the very best of luck

And here's what a fan has to say about the Rovers

★ PETER BRAMWELL is 17 years old, a Bingo-ticket seller for the Rovers, and a self-styled "Blackburn-ender". And Peter, who lives on Whalley New-road, Blackburn, has something to say about the Rovers, the fans and the Development Association. Here's his "Postbag" letter:

CONGRATULATIONS to the Rovers for putting up such a good fight this season. The only sad point is that the spectators seem to have become a little "thin on the ground." I managed to get down to Ewood Park for the reserves' match against Manchester United. The performance was excellent.

The score — for those who didn't see the game — was 2—0 for the Rovers, and on the odd occasion when United broke through, Neil Ramsbottom thoroughly proved himself as a good goalkeeper.

I also hope that the ground facilities will be improved during the close season, despite lack of finances. The lottery agents, and especially the many Bingo-ticket sellers (being one myself) deserve a special mention.

Power to the Development Association, voices to the crowd, and good luck to the Rovers!

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ACCENT ON THE ACTION

IT'S Bolton versus the Rovers, and the men in direct opposition are all defenders. Left, Kevin Hird beats Sam Allardyce to force a corner; bottom left, Glen Keeley beats Tony Dunne in the race for possession. Bolton beat the Rovers 4-2 back in October . . . tonight, on home ground, the Rovers have the chance to avenge that defeat.



Match-Day Mascot

ANDREW MERCER
Andrew is 10 years old, and attends St. Bartholomew's School. His hobbies are football and swimming and his favourite players are Dave Wagstaffe and John Bailey.



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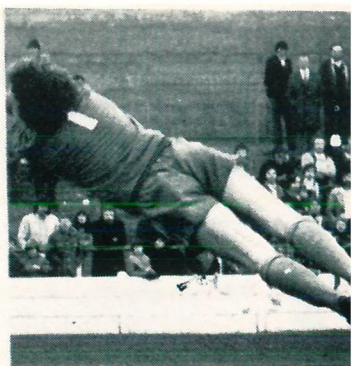
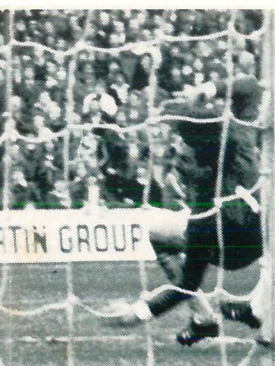
NEW manager Jim Iley took the chance to see the Rovers action at Mansfield, and he is pictured left with the chairman, William H. Bancroft. Above, right and below, we feature action from the games against Brighton and at Mansfield. Above, a shot from Jack Lewis raps the Brighton post; top right, the Rovers first goal at Mansfield, scored by Tony Parkes. Below, Norman Brotherston's scoring effort rebounds — but right, David Wagstaff follows up to hammer his shot home.

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	24	Tottenham H.	H	0-0	9,540
	27	Cardiff City	H	3-0	7,088
	31	Colchester (LC2) ...	H	1-1	6,193
Sept.	3	Fulham	A	0-0	10,095
	10	Blackpool	H	1-2	8,211
	14	Anglo-Scot. (QF)			
		Hibernian	A	1-2	5,349
	17	Luton Town	A	0-0	9,149
	24	Orient	H	1-0	6,326
	27	Anglo-Scot. (QF)			
		Hibernian	H	0-1	6,154
Oct.	1	Oldham Ath.	A	2-0	7,792
	4	Bolton W.	A	2-4	18,240
	8	Charlton Ath.	H	2-1	6,888
	15	Bristol R.	A	1-4	6,431
	22	Stoke City	H	2-1	10,221
	29	Hull City	A	1-0	7,932
Nov.	5	Southampton	H	2-1	9,930
	12	Millwall	A	1-1	5,749
	19	Mansfield T.	H	3-1	8,796
	26	Brighton	A	2-2	26,467
Dec.	3	Crystal Palace	H	3-0	12,199
	10	Sheffield Utd.	A	0-2	17,888
	17	Millwall (2)	H	2-1	10,296
	26	Burnley	A	3-2	27,200
	27	Sunderland	H	1-1	22,660
	31	Tottenham H.	A	0-4	30,520
Jan.	2	Notts. C.	H	1-0	14,394
	7	Shrewsbury FA 3...	H	2-1	12,712
	14	Cardiff City	A	1-1	6,949
	28	Orient FA 4	A	1-3	9,547
Feb.	4	Blackpool	A	2-5	12,416
	11	Luton Town	H	2-0	11,511
	25	Oldham Ath.	H	4-2	15,574
Mar.	4	Charlton Ath.	A	2-2	7,496
	11	Bristol R.	H	0-1	11,780
	15	Fulham	H	4-0	8,499
	18	Stoke City	A	2-4	16,989
	24	Hull City	H	1-1	11,561
	25	Sunderland	A	1-0	16,900
	27	Burnley	H	0-1	24,379
Apr.	1	Southampton	A	0-5	21,087
	8	Brighton	H	0-1	10,178
	15	Mansfield T.	A	2-2	6,848
	22	Sheffield Utd.	H	1-1	8,990
	26	Bolton W.	H		
	29	Crystal Palace	A		
May	6	F.A. Cup Final			

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Kick-off 2-30 p.m.

2nd DIVISION TABLE

AS AT 22nd APRIL, 1978

	HOME					AWAY				
	Goals					Goals				
	P	W	D	L	F A	W	D	L	F A	Pts
Soton	40	15	3	2	44 16	7	8	5	25 22	55
Bolton	40	16	3	1	39 14	7	6	7	23 19	55
Tottenham	40	12	7	1	49 19	7	8	5	33 30	53
Brighton	40	13	5	1	40 20	7	7	7	20 17	52
ROVERS	40	12	4	4	33 15	4	9	7	23 39	45
Sunderland	41	10	6	4	33 17	3	10	8	31 42	42
Oldham	40	9	10	2	32 20	4	6	9	22 33	42
Fulham	40	9	8	4	32 19	5	4	10	17 28	40
Stoke	40	12	4	3	34 15	3	5	13	15 33	39
Luton	40	11	4	6	35 20	3	6	10	18 29	38
Crystal Pal.	40	8	6	5	24 18	4	8	9	19 27	38
Sheff. Utd.	40	13	4	3	38 21	2	4	14	22 50	38
Notts. C.	39	10	9	1	35 20	1	6	12	16 37	37
Charlton	39	11	6	4	38 27	2	5	11	17 37	37
Blackpool	40	7	8	6	35 25	5	4	10	21 31	36
Burnley	40	9	6	4	31 19	4	4	13	21 44	36
Bristol R.	40	10	7	4	40 26	2	5	12	20 48	36
Cardiff	39	11	6	2	30 21	0	6	14	18 48	34
Orient	38	8	9	2	29 19	1	6	12	11 28	33
Millwall	39	5	8	5	19 20	4	6	11	26 37	32
Hull	40	6	6	8	23 24	2	6	12	11 26	28
Mansfield	39	5	5	9	26 33	4	5	11	19 34	28

FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES and GOALSCORERS

	League Games	League Goals	Other Games	Other Goals
Paul Bradshaw	7	—	5	—
John Curtis	7	—	5	—
John Bailey	39	1	8	—
Derek Fazackerley	28	—	5	—
Stuart Metcalfe	39	4	8	3
Glen Keeley	24	—	4	—
Graham Hawkins	6	—	4	—
Kevin Hird	40	7	8	—
Noel Brotherston	37	11	8	4
Jack Lewis	21	6	3	—
Tony Parkes	35	5	7	—
David Wagstaffe	30	5	5	1
Bobby Mitchell	4	—	5	1
John Waddington	27	3	3	—
Bobby Svarc	1	—	2	—
Gordon Taylor	31	2	2	—
Mick Wood	6	2	4	2
John Butcher	32	—	2	—
Paul Round	9	3	—	—
Keith Fear	5	2	—	—
David Hargreaves	2	—	—	—
John Radford	11	4	—	—

We were shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic death of Tony Bradley, who was under treatment at The Promenade Hospital, Southport, following a serious accident at work. Tony, who was aged 32 years, was an ardent fan of the Rovers and our deepest sympathy goes to his wife and family.

RESERVE FIXTURES

			F. A.
Aug.	20 West Brom	H	0-2
	24 Newcastle United	A	1-0
	27 Coventry City	A	1-5
Sept.	3 Bury	H	3-4
	10 Blackpool	A	2-1
	14 Preston North End	H	1-0
	17 Derby County	H	1-0
	24 Manchester United	A	0-1
Oct.	1 Leeds United	H	0-5
	5 Everton	H	1-2
	12 Burnley	H	1-0
	15 Liverpool	A	1-4
	18 Sheffield Wednesday	A	3-1
	29 Wolverhampton W.	H	0-2
Nov.	5 Wolverhampton W.	A	1-2
	22 Huddersfield Town	A	1-1
	26 Manchester City	H	1-4
Dec.	3 Stoke City	A	0-4
	10 Bolton	H	1-0
	17 Nottingham Forest	A	2-0
	31 Liverpool	H	1-3
Jan.	2 West Brom	A	0-1
	14 Coventry City	H	3-1
	21 Bury	A	2-2
	24 Preston North End	A	1-2
Mar.	1 Leeds United	A	0-0
	4 Burnley	A	0-2
	7 Sheffield United	A	1-0
	18 Sheffield Wednesday	H	1-1
	22 Aston Villa	A	0-3
	28 Manchester United	H	2-0
	30 Derby County	A	1-1
Apr.	3 Newcastle United	H	3-2
	8 Manchester City	A	0-2
	11 Sheffield United	H	2-1
	15 Aston Villa	H	1-0
	17 Huddersfield Town	H	3-1
	19 Blackpool	H	0-2
	22 Bolton	A	
	25 Everton	A	
	27 Nottingham Forest	H	
	29 Stoke City	H	

CENTRAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P.	W.	D.	L.	Goals			Pts.
	F.	A.						
Man. City	40	26	8	6	88	37		60
Liverpool	38	23	7	8	81	35		53
Everton	40	19	14	7	51	35		52
Wolves	40	20	11	9	64	42		51
Man. Utd.	40	19	9	12	64	49		47
West Brom	39	18	11	10	54	40		47
Leeds Utd.	40	16	11	13	67	56		43
Notts. Forest	37	16	9	12	60	47		41
Derby County	41	13	13	15	44	50		39
Stoke City	39	12	14	13	57	48		38
Coventry City	40	14	10	16	59	66		38
Huddersfield	40	14	9	17	52	53		37
Newcastle	40	13	11	16	46	59		37
ROVERS	39	15	5	19	44	67		35
Aston Villa	39	11	12	16	38	35		34
Bolton	38	13	8	17	53	57		34
Bury	40	10	14	16	55	64		34
Burnley	40	11	11	18	50	65		33
Preston N.E.	39	8	15	16	40	63		31
Blackpool	39	9	12	18	38	57		30
Sheff. Wed.	40	11	7	22	35	59		29
Sheff. Utd.	40	7	11	22	35	91		25

APPEARANCES

Butcher (8); Riley (14); Wood (15); Waddington (7); Parkin (33); Crompton (33); Taylor, R. (29); Chaloner (6); Svarc (6); Lowey (12); Taylor, G. (12); Garner (32); Johnson (11); Moran (26); Round (18); Shanks (1); Mitchell (20); Morley (15); Maguire (9); Curtis (25); Shipley (14); Mahon (4); Keeley (6); Hawkins (5); Lewis (2); Clarke (7); Robinson (2); Ramsbottom (12); Mann (1); Hargreaves (4); Flemming (2); Stanley (2); Fazackerley (1); Aitchison (4); Stafford (2); Hickson (1).

SCORERS

Garner (8); Svarc (5); Lowey (1); Waddington (1); Mitchell (5); Lewis (2); Crompton (2); Maguire (1); Round (1); Hargreaves (2); Parkin (1); Clarke (1); Curtis (3); Aitchison (1); Taylor, R. (1).

Meet the man in the middle

WE welcome to Ewood Park tonight one of English Soccer's two World Cup referees — Pat Partridge, who was in charge of the League Cup final and, with Clive Thomas, goes to Argentina this summer. Mr. Partridge, from Cockfield, Co. Durham, was appointed to the F.I.F.A. and U.E.F.A. panels in 1971, and has been refereeing since 1953, when he began with the Durham F.A. and progressed via the Northern League to the full League list.

He lined the 1971 European and League Cup finals, refereed the 1975 F.A. Cup final, the 1976 world-club Cup final, and last year's European Cup-Winners Cup final, and he has lectured on the laws of the game in Japan, Kuwait, India and Brazil. He is a past-president of the Association of Football League Referees and Linesmen. A married man, he is a farmer, with leisure interests in squash and gardening.



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3. Name the footballer who has played in four League Cup finals with three different clubs.
4. How many caps did Matt Busby win for Scotland?
5. Leeds United went 29 League games without defeat in season 1973-74. Which team put an end to this run?
6. Which two clubs were involved in staging the first League game to take place on a Sunday?
7. In the fifth round-tie of the F.A. Cup in 1976 Wolves played Charlton, and a substitute scored a hat-trick. Can you name this player?
8. In what year was the European Cup-Winners Cup competition first staged?
9. Who was the last player-manager to score against England at Wembley?
10. Don Revie played for five English League clubs — can you name them?

A BOUQUET FOR THE

WE'RE always trying to inform and entertain in our match-day magazine, and to give Rovers supporters up-to-date news and views, although space restrictions sometimes mean we cannot cover every aspect of club affairs as much as we would like.

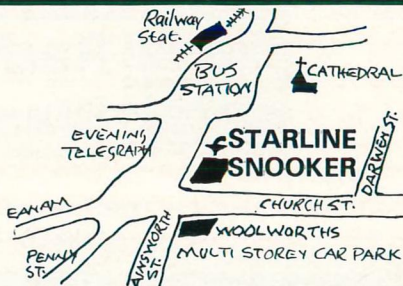
One supporter, Jennie Anelay, would like to see more news about the Rovers "B" and youth teams, and we'll do our best in this respect next season. Certainly we take her point when she says: "In view of various members being introduced into the Central League side (and some show great promise), I feel you could get your-

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Quiz Answers

1. Billy Lacey. 2. Bobby Charlton, who scored 49 goals. 3. George Graham played for Aston Villa (1963), Chelsea (1965) and Arsenal (1968 and 1969). 4. One. 5. Stoke City beat Leeds 3—2 in 1974. 6. Millwall played Fulham at The Den on January 20, 1974. 7. John Richards, for Wolves. 8. 1960. 9. Terry Neill, who was player-manager of Northern Ireland when they played England in 1971. 10. Leeds United, Sunderland, Manchester City, Hull City and Leicester City.

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Finally, take the A273 (left at William IV Hotel) along Green-lane, Parchmore-road and High-street across Grange-road at the Prince George Hotel into Whitehorse-lane, and on to the Palace ground at South Norwood.



PLYMOUTH PLAY HOST TO JUNIOR ROVERS

OUR ball boys, who are also members of the Junior Rovers Club, recently spent an eight-day adventure holiday in Devon and Cornwall. The trip was originally intended to be a football tour, but owing to the weather, only one game was played. This was against a team from Kingsbridge Comprehensive School, who turned out to be too strong for our lads and won quite convincingly.

The boys were guests of Plymouth Argyle during their trip, and enjoyed joining the first-team squad at a training session. "The Pilgrims" have two or three teenagers in their first-team pool, and although the club went straight down after being promoted with the Rovers, our ball boys are of the opinion that Plymouth will soon be on their way up again.

During the holiday, the group visited Land's End, Torbay, Penzance, Falmouth, Cheddar Caves and Wookey Hole. The boys stayed at different youth hostels every night, the cost of which was donated by some of Blackburn's charitable organisations.

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